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As a user of an alternative operating system I believe I am among those who have the most to lose if Microsoft is allowed to continue their anti-competitive practices.

The settlement, as proposed, is worded in such a way that gives Microsoft many opportunities to circumvent any barriers placed on their business practices. Microsoft has done this once before with the 1995 consent decree and based on their attitude throughout these legal proceedings I have no doubt that they will do it again.

Microsoft must not be allowed to continue using their monopoly power to create pseudo standards based only on the fact that anything they do is rapidly distributed to 95% of the computing populace.

Open Standards must be maintained in order to allow people, like myself and the millions of other non-Windows OS users, to have access to the latest technologies and software applications.

Please do not let Microsoft leave with only their word and a loophole laden document to ensure they will change their ways, doing so would be a travesty of justice in this citizens eyes.

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